Surat, Mumbai, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad and Rajkot. There are many locations in India where artificial diamonds are being cut. The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council does not deal with the industry concerning artificial diamonds.

Export of herbs from Uttaranchal

†2257. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) India's share in the export of herbs in the World market;

(b) Whether Government are aware of the immense scope of export of those herbs which are available in a large part of Uttaranchal;

(c) if so, whether Government would make any scheme to enhance production of these herbs with the help of the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The global export figures of 'Herbs' are only available under the SITC Code 2924—plants and parts of plants primarily used for pharmacy, perfumery and insecticides (fresh, dried, powdered) and it is estimated that India's share in the global market of medicinal plants and plant products is over 12 percent in the year 2001. (Source—India Trades, CMIE for the identified 58 products).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Department of Indian Systems of Medicines & Homeopathy has already introduced two types of schemes, *viz.*—Commercial and Promotional. For production of Herbal/medicinal plants, the NMPB has prioritized 32 plants which include plants of Uttaranchal too. During last two financial years i.e. 2001-02 and 2002-03, 36 projects have been sanctioned for conservation of cultivation of medicinal plants in Uttaranchal. Uttaranchal state has potential for export of herbs, in particular items like Chirata, Jata Mansi, Kuth, Kutki, Tagar, Van Kakdi, Lavender, Aconite, Kalihari and Sarpagandha. Government of India has already identified Uttaranchal for setting up an Agriculture Export Zones (AEZ) for medicinal plants.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Government has notified seven districts under the AEZ with special emphasis on the above mentioned high value species, under Phase 1 of the program. Uttaranchal infrastructure Development Company Ltd. is the nodal agency for implementing this project along with Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). The total investment envisaged in this project was Rs. 18.81 crores with private sector participation to the extent of Rs. 9.05 crores. The share of the Central Govt. was envisaged to be Rs. 5.53 crores. The total export turnover envisaged over five years was estimated to be Rs. 70.64 crores. (Source APEDA Web site).

Investment in Industrial Units

2258. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units in the country as on the 31st March 2003 and investments made in them;

(b) the number of sick industrial units in the country;

(c) the number of employees working in these sick units; and

(d) the investment made in these sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The number of non-SSI units set up during the period August 1991 to March 2003 in terms of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda implemented and Industrial Licences issued is 6317 with an investment of Rs. 213598 crore. In addition, 27,31,172 units with fixed investment of Rs. 67,031.88 crore are registered as SSI units as on 31.3.2002.

(b) The number of sick industrial units registered with the Board for industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), as on 31.3.2003, is 4468.

(c) The number of workers involved in these sick units is 22,67,542.

(d) The total net worth of these sick units is Rs. 49,43,161.80 lakh.